

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner and the Examiner's supervisor, Examiner Corcoran, for the telephone conversations with Stephen Scribner (Reg. No. 44,452) held on Wednesday, 19 December 2007.

In the telephone conversations Applicants proposed submitting a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 to overcome the newly cited reference, US 2004/0047535 (Ukrainczyk). Accordingly, such Declaration is attached hereto.

Claims

Claims 24 to 35 and 54 to 57 are pending in the application.

Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 24 and 54 to 57 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Bentsen (US 6,566,508) in view of Ukrainczyk (US 2004/0047535) and Applicants' admitted prior art.

As set forth in the attached Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, Applicants made the claimed invention prior to the filing date of Ukrainczyk. It is therefore submitted that the rejection no longer applies. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Further rejections were made in respect of claims 25 and 28, claims 29, 30, and 32, claims 31 and 33, and claims 34 and 35. In each rejection, the claims were considered unpatentable over Bentsen in view of Ukrainczyk and Applicants' admitted prior art, as applied to claim 24, and additionally in view of Bentsen.

In view of the attached Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 respecting Ukrainczyk, it is submitted that these rejections no longer apply. Withdrawal of the rejections and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Claims 26 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Bentsen in view of Ukrainczyk and Applicants' admitted prior art, as applied to claim 24, and further in view of Lee (US 20030222012).

In view of the attached Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 respecting Ukrainczyk, it is

submitted that this rejection no longer applies. Withdrawal of the rejection and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

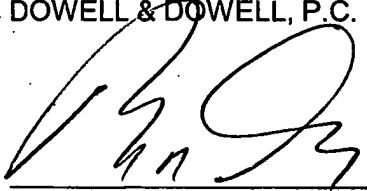
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 24 to 35 and 54 to 57 are in condition for allowance, and confirmation thereof is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that further personal communication would expedite the prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone Stephen Scribner (Reg. No. 44,452) at 613-533-2342.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. A. Dowell', written over a horizontal line.

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